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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PROFESSOR DENIED ENTRY TO TAIWAN

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WANG MENG-HSIEN JANUARY 21 AND DESCRIBED ROC IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES' DENIAL OF ENTRY TO PROFESSOR FRIEDMAN AT TAIPEI AIRPORT AND THEIR REFUSAL TO PERMIT HIM TO CONTACT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. POLCOUNS STRESSED THAT IT WAS VIEW OF USG THAT ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN TAIWAN, EVEN THOSE TECHNICALLY NOT GRANTED ENTRY, HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE EMBASSY, AND ASKED THAT MOFA CONVEY THIS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

2. WANG RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION FRIEDMAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERMITTED SUCH CONTACT AND HE OPINED THAT A CHINESE CITIZEN IN A SIMILAR SITUATION IN THE U.S. WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ALLOWED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE NEAREST ROC CONSULATE. POLCOUNS READILY AGREED. WANG SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND WOULD, MOREOVER, CHECK WITH IMMIGRATION TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT PERMISSION FOR FRIEDMAN TO ENTER

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TAIWAN. IN VIEW OF FRIEDMAN'S PLANNED EARLY DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG, HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT PROMISE THAT HIS RESPONSE WOULD BE TIMELY ENOUGH TO BE OF HELP TO PROFESSOR FRIEDMAN.

FYI: WANG VOLUNTEERED THAT WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS TWO AND MORE YEARS AGO, HE HAD ESTABLISHED THE GENERAL PRACTICE OF INSTRUCTING IMMIGRATION TO ADMIT BLACKLISTED

PERSONS WHO HELD VALID VISAS BUT TO CANCEL THE VISAS OF SUCH PERSONS UPON THEIR DEPARTURE.

4. AFTER DRAFTING FOREGOING WANG CALLED POLCOUNS TO SAY THAT HE COULD REPORT IMMIGRATION IS PREPARED TO HONOR THE VISA ISSUED TO FRIEDMAN AND TO ADMIT HIM SHOULD HE CARE TO RETURN TO TAIPEI. HE FURTHER SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH "ALL THE FACTS" ABOUT IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT FRIEDMAN TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY. IN ANY EVENT, HE SAID THAT THE OFFICIALS WERE WRONG IF THEY REFUSED FRIEDMAN SUCH CONTACT AND AN OFFICIAL LETTER WOULD BE SENT TO IMMIGRATION REITERATING THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT ANY U.S. CITIZEN "UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES" HAD THE RIGHT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY OR CONSULATE. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT FRIEDMAN'S VISA WAS ISSUED "IN ERROR," THAT THE VISA WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM TAIWAN.  
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